Central Road Fund Scheme. Apart from the special programme like National Highways Development Project (which is taken up for the whole country) and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North Eastern Region, the development of National Highways is generally undertaken through annual plans State-wise. No specific programme has been formulated for the development of backward region in the country. Development of State roads is the responsibility of concerned State Government. However, this Ministry gives Central assistance to develop State roads through Central Road Fund scheme.

Autonomy to CBI

†* 503. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to provide autonomy to the Central Bureau of Investigation in order to maintain its credibility;

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The CBI has been accorded autonomy under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 as amended by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 for investigation of cases.

Proposals for Four-laning of NHs in Rajasthan

*504. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Rajasthan have proposed four-laning of NH-11 (Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar road section), NH-12 (Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar road section) up to MP border, NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi road section) and NH-8 (Beawar-Udaipur section);

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(b) if so, by when these National Highways are likely to be four-laned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the stretch between Chittorgarh to Neemuch of NH-79 qualifies for four-laning; and

(d) if so, by when this stretch between Chittorgarh and Neemuch is likely to be four-laned?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four-laning of Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar section of NH-11, Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH-12 is included in National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IIIA and four-laning of Beawar-Pali-Sirohi section of NH-14 is included in NHDP Phase-Ill B Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Jaipur-Reengus section and Jaipur-Tonk-Deoli section of NH-12 is in progress. Bids for consultancy work for feasibility study on Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) pattern of Reengus-Sikar section of NH-11, Deoli-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH-12 and Beawar-Pali-Sirohisection of NH-14 are under evaluation. Four laning of Beawar-Udaipur section of NH-8 is not included in any Phase of NHDP but it is proposed to carry out feasibility study on DBFO pattern for the same. It is premature to indicate target for four-laning of these stretches since project reports are yet to be completed.

Jhalawar-Madhya Pradesh Border section of NH-12, does not qualify for four-laning.

(c) and (d) Presently, there is no proposal for four-laning of stretch of NH-79 between Chittorgarh and Rajasthan/Madhya Pradesh border. The stretch from Rajasthan/Madhya Pradesh border to Neemuch is not National Highway.

Funds for Haryana under Central schemes

†*505. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided by Central Government to Haryana under various Central schemes during the last two years;

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